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**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF  
DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 99V-202 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: July 21, 1999

MANUFACTURER: Damon Corporation

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Mr. Jim Johnson, VP of Service Operation,  
Director of Quality  
Ms. Brandy Ramsey, Legal Affairs

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SUBJECT: Undetermined quantity of 1998-1999 Daybreak and Challenger motor homes manufactured from July 9, 1997 through February 18, 1999. A muffler strap was omitted during the installation process. The muffler and exhaust tail pipe can vibrate loose, possibly detaching from the unit. Damon Safety Recall No. 98-069.

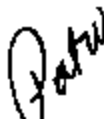
This is an initial acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

This recall was the subject of a Service Query, SQ99-013, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

As noted in your report, the draft owner notification letter will be submitted for NHTSA's review by August 2, 1999.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during August 1999. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by October 30, 1999.

If you have any questions, please call:

 Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst or Jonathan White, Chief  
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Dear Mr. Johnson and Ms. Ramsey:

We have reviewed Damon Corporation's (Damon) Defect Information Report dated July 21, 1999, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves an undetermined quantity of 1998 through 1999 Daybreak and Challenger motor homes manufactured from July 9, 1997 through February 18, 1999. A muffler strap was omitted during the installation process. The muffler and exhaust tail pipe can vibrate loose, possibly detaching from the unit. **The assigned recall identification number for this recall is 99V-202 (Damon Safety Recall No. 98-069).**

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**Damon is responsible for the remedy of these motor homes from this date forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership.**

#### Recall Communications

Communications pertaining to safety recalls and issued by Damon to more than one distributor, dealer, purchaser, or owner are to be submitted to this office within 5 days of issuance as described under 49 CFR Part 573.5(c)(9). Where this information is sent over a period time, the communications are to be submitted within 5 days from the date the communications were first sent, and furnish the date, or range of dates, each communication was issued. This includes information transmitted by computer, telefax, or other electronic means; and initial or interim communications. All copies are to be in readable form and a written transcript should be provided for each non-written communication. Also, if the communication was not nationally and uniformly distributed, then identify the criteria used for the distribution.

**Manufacturer Communications**

Part 573.8, "Notices, Bulletins and Other Communications," requires that every motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment manufacturer shall furnish a copy of **all notices, bulletins, and other communications (including warranty and policy extension communiques and product improvement bulletins)** to manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or purchasers, regarding any defect in its vehicle or items of equipment (including any failure or malfunction beyond normal deterioration in use, any failure of performance, or any flaw or unintended deviation from design specifications), **whether or not such defect is safety related**. These notices or communications are to be submitted, regardless of the media used to transmit the information. Where communications are made orally or electronically, provide a transcript. In all other cases, provide the information in the media form used to transmit the information. On a case by case basis, we may require written transcripts of this material as well. Copies are to be submitted monthly, not more than 5 working days after the end of each month.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5232 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jonathan D. White, Chief  
Recall Analysis Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Safety Assurance